(*b*) the number of process servers and peons in the Judicial Department ; and

(*c*) the number of Amins in the Judicial Department.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). Government do not propose to call for the information as the time and labour involved in the preparation of the statement are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Karthikapalli I*) May I take it from the member that the preparation of a list of the clerks in one particular department is a very difficult task ?

PRESIDENT : Presumably; that is the answer. It does not require any further comment.

Bridge across the Alwaye ferry.

265. ✻**MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are making arrangements to build a bridge across the Alwaye ferry ;

(*b*) whether they are in receipt of plans and estimates for the same ; and

(*c*) whether they will be in a position to start work during 1110?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) to (*c*) No.

Opening of the Alleppey-Shertala canal.

266. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total cost hitherto incurred by the Government for the Shertala-Alleppey canal, including the land acquisition charges ;

(*b*) the total number of miles hitherto cut open at both ends of the proposed canal ;

(*c*) the total length which yet remains to be cut open and its approximate estimate of cost ;

(*d*) whether any amount is yearly sanctioned for its maintenance ;

(*e*) if not why ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Rs. 5,52,804 including land compensation.

(*b*) 5 miles, 3,083 feet at both the ends together.

(*c*) 7 miles, 4, 517 feet costing approximately Rs. 1,57, 100.

(*d*) Yes. Rs. 1,688.

(*e*) This question does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANAHBA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member whether the Government will sympathetically consider the feasibility of resuming the scheme ?

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : On a point of order. The member is asking for the opinion of Government.

PRESIDENT : The Government member would have told him so.

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